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OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MOUNTAIN UNION

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, GRAYSON CO., VA.,

On the 23d day of September, 1876.

RESIN JONES, Moderator.

I. W. LANDRETH, Clerk.

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SATURDAY, September 23d, 1876.

According to the appointment of last year, Elder R. Jones preached the introductory sermon—Text, Rev. 6th chapter and 17th verse.

2. The Association was called together with singing and prayer by the Moderator.

3. Received letters from 13 churches, then called upon Eld's W. J. Combs and Jos. Holbrook to act as tellers, who report R. Jones, Mod., I. W. Landreth, Clerk.

4. Called for newly constituted churches, when "Mt. Pleasant Chapel," situated in Ashe co., N. C., and "Big Springs," situated in Grayson co., Va., presented letters, the delegates receiving the right hand of fellowship. Also Baptist Chapel joined us by letter receiving the right hand of fellowship.

5. Invited correspondence when Elds W. J. Combs, C. Blevins, and Bro. Jos. Holbrook came forward with a letter and minutes from the "Primitive Association" receiving the right hand of fellowship, aiding in council.

6. On motion, the Moderator is to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7. Appointed J. M. Brown, D. Perkins, and Poindexter Blevins, with the delegates of this Church, a committee on the ministry, who report for Sabbath, 1st, Elds T. J. Jones; 2d, W. J. Combs; 3d, J. Blevins; 4th, C. Blevins.

8. Appointed correspondence to sister Associations, viz: Elds F. B. Cheek, and A. Powers "Stony Fork;" J. K. Baldwin, A. Powers, R. Jones, R. Parsons, T. J. Jones, M. Church, J. Blevins, J. W. Kegley, B. W. Ashley, and I. W. Landreth to the "Primitive."

9. Appointed W. J. Chapel, D. Perkins, T. J. Jones, A. Powers, and J. M. Brown, committee of arrangements.

10. Committee of Finance appointed, viz.: P. Blevins, W. A. J. Fowlkes, and F. B. Cheek.

11. The brethren, viz: R. Jones, T. J. Jones, F. B. Cheek, W. J. Chapel, Wm. A. J. Fowlkes, A. Powers, and I. W. Landreth report they attended the Primitive Association, and was kindly received.

12. Appointed Elds I. W. Landreth and A. Powers to prepare a short Obituary of brother John A. Jones, deceased.

13. A committee to re-district this Association viz: J. Blevins, R. Parsons, and T. J. Jones, who report, 1st District, Walnut Grove, New Salem, Big Springs, Rock Springs, Mt. Carmel, Prathers Creek; 2d, School Creek, Mt. Pleasant, South Fork, Double Springs; 3d, Grassy Creek, Baptist Chapel, Mt. Pleasant Chapel, Silas Creek, Zion Hill, Union; 4th, Mt. Zion, Pine Grove, Three Fork, Three Top.

14. On motion, adjourned until 5 o'clock this evening—Prayer by W. J. Combs. Benediction by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

1. At 5 o'clock the Association came to order with singing and prayer, by C. Blevins.

2. The cl'k called the roll, read the constitution, and rules of Decorum.

3. Received the report of the committee of arrangements and discharged them.

4. On motion, the Constitution is to be published this year.

5. Appointed a communion meeting at the Three Fork Church, the 4th Saturday in August, 1877—Thomas Jones, A. Powers, R. Parsons, and I. W. Landreth to attend.

6. The committee of Finance report $19.65 from the churches; $6.50 in the hands of the treasurer; allowing the Clerk $5.00 for his services balance to remain in the treasury.

7. This body having learned that Churchwell O. Davis is exhibiting papers and trying to preach, claiming connection with us, we hereby warn all good Christian brethren that said C. O. Davis is an excluded member from Shoal Creek church, and in disorder, and not worthy of recognition as a christian.

8. Appointed our next association to be held with Rock Spring church, Alleghany county, N. C., 9 miles east of Sparta, commencing on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in September 1877.—Eld. A Powers to preach the Introductory Sermon, and F. B. Cheek, Alternate.

9. This body recommends to the brethren the following periodicals, viz.: "Baptist"—The "Biblical Recorder" and "Baptist Reflector" as papers worthy of patronage by every Baptist family in our bounds.

10. On motion, this body, through Elder J. K. Baldwin declares Mt. Olives in disorder.

11. Beech Grove Church disolved her constitution by mutual consent.

12. This body return their thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kind hospitality to us during our session.

13. On motion, the Clerk is to have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them as usual.

14. Adjourned to time and place appointed. Prayer by the Moderator, and benediction by the same.

I. W. LANDRETH, Clerk. RESIN JONES, Mod'r.

SABBATH.

1 Sermon, Eld. T. J. Jones, text, Isaiah, 55th chaper and 6th verse, "Seek ye the Lord," &c.; 2d Sermon, Eld. W. J. Combs, text, Luke, 9th chapt and 60th verse, "Jesus said unto him," &c.; 3d Sermon, Eld. J. Blevins, Acts, 5th chapter and 29th verse,

"We ought to obey God." 4th, C. Blevins closed with an exortation, thus passed the Association in love and harmony, hoping that peace may continue to remain among us while life lasts, and that all of us may meet in Heaven. CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This association shall be known by the name of the Mountain Union Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent in the Association. Who on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, application, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead since last association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any classical power over the churches nor shall they infringe any inteanal right over any church in her Union.

3. The association when convened shall be governed by a regular Decorum.

4. The association shall have a Moderator and Secretary who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the vote of the members present a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New Churches or any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order in good standing either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the Union.

6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future association.

9. We think it necessary to have an associational fund to defray the expenses of the association, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they may think proper to the association and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the association for the same, and the association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an association book wherein the proceedings of the association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if necessary and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the association adjourns.

12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months notice.

13. The association shall act as an advisory council, and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union of the churches, and also to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the association.

15. The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her Union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The association may correspond with sister associations, and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing, or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order—to a seat in the association who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

OBITUARY.

WHEREAS, the Great Creator in his allwise providence seen fit to remove from among us, our much beloved brother, John A. Jones, who was one of the leading members of this body.—Bro. Jones was born April 23d, 1813, and died May 17th, 1876, at the age of 63 years and 24 days. He embraced religion in his 25th year, and was immersed in the likeness of Jesus. He lived a consistant baptist nearly 38 years, when he was attacked with fever, which terminated in death. He was kind, charitable and Christian hearted brother, supporting the gospel ministry by contributing to the poor and needy. He served as Deacon and Church clerk a number of years. He raised a large and respectable family, leaving them to weep over the loss of husband and father. This body feels the loss of Brother Jones, believing our loss is his great gain. His pastor visited him before his death, sang and prayed with him, found him in his right mind and strong in the christian faith saying, "I am willing for God's will to be done with me." He counseled his family in his dying moments, bids this world adieu, surrendering soul and body into the hands of our Great Creator. Weep not widow, weep not children, weep not brethren, we all shall meet again at the Resurection Morn.

TABULAR REVIEW OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	Post Offices.	Names of Delegates.	Saturday.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Application.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions
Big Springs,	Mead'w Creek, Va	J. Pool, H. Davis and Elder A. McKnight.	3	3	4	3					20	$ .70
Baptist Chapel,	Helton, N. C.	Elder J. Blevins, P. Blevins and D. C. Deboard.									46	1.50
Double Springs,	Scottsville, N. C.	Elders M. Church and J. K. Baldwin.	1	1	4			1	3		54	1.25
Grassy Creek,	Weaver's Ford	Elder T. J. Jones and Alexander Wyatt.	2	8				2	1	1	49	1.95
Mt. Carmel,	Elk Creek, N. C.	Elds I. W. Landreth, R. Parsons, J. W. Kegley.	3	7		3			1	2	65	1.25
Mt. Pleasant,	Independence, Va	A. Waggoner, W. A. J. Fowlkes and C. F. Long.	2	5		4			1		28	1.10
Mt. Zion,	Apple Grove, N.C	Elder H. Farmer and Wm. Eller.	2	4	10			1	1	1	65	1.00
Mt. Pl't Chapel,	Walnut Hill. N.C	A. Absher and W. R. Brown.	2								16	1.00
New Salem,	Gap Civil, N. C.	Elders W. J. Chapel, F. B. Cheek and A. Ward.	2	5	2	5		1			43	1.20
Prathers Creek	Elk Creek, N. C.	Allen Jones and J. W. Pruett.	4		2				4	1	43	1.00
Pine Grove	Staggs Creek,N.C	Gideon Poe.	3	1	5			3		2	42	1.00
Rock Springs,		Thomas Baugus and Solomon Baugus.	1	3	2	12					33	1.10
South Fork,	Scottsville, N. C.	No letter nor delegates.	4	1							16	
Silas Creek,	Helton, N. C	Elders R. Jones and Jacob Eller.	4	16	2		2				148	1.55
Shoal Creek,	Independence, Va	Alexander D. Osborn and G. W. Haga.	1	1								25
Three Fork,	Solitude, N. C.	Enoch R. Lewis and David Perkins.	4	10	2							30
Three Top,	North Fork, N.C	Letter but no delegates.	2									
Union,	Helton, N. C.	R. Baugus and E. Blevins.	3	6								
Walnut Grove,	Dockery, N. C.	John M. Brown and Wm. B. Gambill.	1	1								
Zion Hill,	Helton, N. C.	Elder Andrew Powers.	1									

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COMPOSED OF DELEGATES FROM THE
REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
IN OUR UNION

Convened With

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

Alleghany Co., N. C.

October 12th and 13th, 1883

(THOS. J. JONES, Moderator)

(I. W. LANDRETH, Clerk)

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Friday Morning, October 12, 1883.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Isaac M. Carter, from Mark ix chapter and latter clause of the 50th verse: "Have salt within yourselves," &c.

1. After a short intermission, the Delegates assembled in the church, and were called together with singing and prayer by Elder Jacob Eller.

2. Then the Moderator called for Associational letters, which were handed in and read by the Clerk.

3. Then organized, by calling upon Elders James Parsons and Wm. J. Combs to act as tellers, who report Elder Thomas J. Jones for Moderator, and Isaac W. Landreth for Clerk.

4. Then invited corresponding brethren, when Elder Jas. Parsons from the Stony Fork, and Elder Wm. J. Combs and brethren T. C. Myers and S. Lyon, from the Primitive Association, came forward, with letters and minutes, accepting seats — the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship in token of Christian love.

5. Invited transients, when Brother Daniel Joines accepted a seat.

6. On motion authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7. Appointed Bros. John Osborn, Thos. Higgins and Ezekiel Joines, with the delegates of this Church, to arrange the ministry, who report for to-morrow: 1st, Elder Isaac M. Carter; 2d, James Parsons; 3d, Jacob Eller.

8. Appointed Elder A. McKnight, Bros. Henry Wag-

goner and A. Ashler as a Committee of Finance.

9. Appointed Bro. J. W. Pruitt to write a corresponding letter to the Primitive, and Bro. F. M. Eller to the Stony Fork Association.

10. Appointed as a Committee of Arrangements, Elders R. Jones, Wm. J. Chapel, Wm. M. Baldwin, Henry Farmer, and Brother Wm. A. J. Fowlkes, with the Moderator, Clerk and corresponding brethren to sit with them.

11. On motion, this body adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder James Parsons. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 13, 1883.

Services were opened with singing and prayer by Elder Wm. J. Chapel.

1. The Clerk called the Roll of Delegates, a quorum being present answering to their names.

2. Then, upon motion, the Committee of Arrangements made their report, which was received, and they discharged.

3. The Clerk reads the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4. Called upon our corresponding brethren who were appointed to visit sister Associations, when the following report was made, viz: Elders I. W. Landreth and R. C. Parsons visited the Primitive, and Elder M. Church the Stony Fork Association, and were kindly received by those brethren. The brethren who failed to go were excused.

5. Elder Jackson Blevins, who was appointed last year to write on Ministerial Duty, submits the following, which is hereby adopted, viz: It is the duty of ministers to 'preach the Word,' be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. It is the duty of ministers to keep that which is committed to their trust, as a good servant. My brethren, more is expected from us than others. We should be conversant with the Gospel; how else can we lead others into it? We are servants of God,

intrusted with his word — of its use and abuse at another day. We will have to render an account to God. The qualifications He requires of his ministers is Love. Jesus saith to Simon Peter, "Lovest thou me?" "Yea, Lord, thou knowest I love Thee." He saith unto him, "Feed my sheep." He would not trust them with one who did not love Him. To discharge this duty as it demands is a great matter. Therefore, we should earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered to the Saints. Under shepherds cannot furnish the pastor; the utmost we can do is to lead them into it. Ministers are required to discharge that trust as good and faithful servants. The term "good" stands opposed to unprofitable. A good and faithful servant is a profitable servant. The Apostles preached Christ Jesus the Lord, and this is the grand theme of the Christian Ministry. Preach Christ, or you had better be anything than a preacher. "Take heed unto thyself and unto the Doctrine — continue in them, for in so doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee." Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. My brethren, see that the doctrine you teach and the duties you inculcate be not yours, but His who sent you. A right seed is necessary to a profitable harvest. You must likewise do the will of Christ, as well as teach it, and that after His example; how else can you exhort and rebuke? You should hold up the blessings of His salvation for acceptance, even to the chief of sinners. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. It is a work which involves the happiness of our species. It must occupy our whole attention in this work. We will have great opposition. Satan will dispute every inch of ground with us. Remember the suffering of the Apostle Paul. "Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck." He would not be deterred by fear of man from declaring the whole counsel of God. It is our duty, my brethren, to insist on every divine truth and duty.

Preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. Let us consider ourselves as standing engaged to teach all that hear us, rich and poor, young and old, godly and ungodly, warning the wicked, lest their blood be required at our hands. And seek the salvation of every man's soul. Fuller says: "Never degrade the pulpit by indulging in personalities; these are for private admonition." Rebuke with all authority, but let our personal rebuke be private. To introduce them in the pulpit is unmanly and would render us despicable. Speak but the truth in love, and speak the whole truth, and we will commend ourselves to every man's conscience when we can do no more. The Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

ELDER JACKSON BLEVINS

6. Article on Sabbath Schools, by Elder Jacob Eller, which was adopted by the body, viz: Having been appointed by the Association, at its last session, to write on Sabbath Schools, I therefore pen a few lines on that subject for your consideration. Being an advocate of Sabbath Schools, if they are organized upon true principles and for the benefit of the youths of the land, in educating them in the ways of truth according to the Holy Scriptures, which we are commanded to read and search for Christ says: "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of him." And we are also commanded to bring up our children in nurture and admonition of the Lord. And Solomon says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." — Proverbs xxii, 6. We should teach our children to fear the Lord, "For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We, therefore, recommend that the Churches in our Union organize Sabbath Schools and cultivate the mind of the young, and encourage them to read the Scriptures. Respectfully submitted. ELDER JACOB ELLER, SR.

7. The Finance Committee makes the following report, viz: Received from the Churches, $20.08; in

hands of Treasurer, 45 cts.; — making a total of $20.53, which is hereby received. Authorize the Clerk to have 700 copies of the minutes printed and distribute as usual, allowing him $5 for his services.

8. On motion, Elder Jackson Blevins is still requested to write an article on the Gospel Duty of Deacons.

9. On motion, appointed Bro. John Osborn to write on the subject of Temperance.

10. Appointed as Corresponding Messengers, Elder A. McKnight, M. Church, T. J. Jones and I. W. Landreth to the Primitive and Elders Wm. J. Chapel, I. M. Carter, Wm. M. Brooks and Bro. D. Eller to the Stony Fork Association.

11. The brethren who were appointed to write corresponding letters to Sister Associations handed them in, and were discharged.

12. Appointed our next Association to convene with Silas Creek Church, Ashe County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 2d Lord's Day in October 1884 — Elder M. Church to preach the Introductory Sermon, I. W. Landreth, alternate.

13. Elder Wm. M. Baldwin announced to the Association that he wished to call the attention of the Association, the hour having arrived. After Elder Wm. M. Baldwin read and explained certain papers repelling an unkind and ungenerous assault made on himself and us by one John Ammons, a traveling agent of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention, in a paper called the "Blue Ridge Baptist," published in Hendersonville, N. C., a motion prevailed, by a unanimous vote, heartily approving Bro. Baldwin's course in defending himself and us, and pledging our future and ardent support of all such efforts to repel such unwarrantable insults and libellious abuse.

14. The Committee on the Ministry report for tomorrow: 1st, Elder R. Jones; 2d, Wm. M. Baldwin; 3d, Wm. J. Combs.

15. Appointed Elders Wm. M. Baldwin, M. Church, and I. W. Landreth as a committee to visit South Fork

Church during the year, look into the cause why she fails to represent, and to make report to the next Association.

16. Resolved that we now return our thanks to our brothers, sisters and friends for their kind and generous hospitality to us during this session.

17. On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed.

Prayer by Eld. W. J. Combs. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER THOS. J. JONES,
ISAAC W. LANDRETH, Clerk. Moderator.

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SABBATH. — Services opened with prayer by Elder A. McKnight; 1st sermon by Elder R. Jones, text Luke xiv. 17; 2d, Elder Wm. M. Baldwin, text 11 Timothy i. 12; 3d, Elder Wm. J. Combs, text Isaiah xxviii. 16. The brethren preached with great zeal, during which great confusion and disorder prevailed on the outskirts of the large congregation, which was annoying to many. Hoping that the Word spoken was not in vain, &c.

NAMES OF DELEGATES

CLERK

BIG SPRING — Elder A. McKnight, Jas. Pool and Alvin Murphy.
BAPTIST CHAPEL — Elders I. M. Carter, Jackson Blevins.
DOUBLE SPRINGS — Elders M. Church, E Blevins and J. C. Richardson.
GRASSY CREEK — Elder Thomas J. Jones, W. Darnal, Thos. Warren.
LIBERTY — Elder Jacob Eller, F. M. Eller and James Kell.
MOUNT CARMEL — Elders I. W. Landreth, R. C. Parsons, J. W. Kegley.
MOUNT ZION — James C. Elliott.
MT. PLEAS. CHAP. — Elder Wm. M. Baldwin, W. R. Brown, A. Absher.
MOUNT PLEASANT — Joshua Taylor, Wm. M. Ham and W. A. J. Fowlkes.

NEW SALEM — A. Moxley, Ezekiel Joines and Jacob Joines.
PINE GROVE — H. C. Pool, Jesse Bare and Gideon Poe.
PRATHER'S CREEK — Craig Jones, John Petty and J. W. Pruitt.
ROCK SPRINGS — Thos. Baugus, Thos. Higgins and Wm. Eades.
SOUTH FORK — No Letter nor Delegates.
SILAS CREEK — Elder R. Jones, Henry Wagoner and Alex Sexton.
SHOAL CREEK — Elder Alexander Osborn and William R. Osborn.
SUGAR GROVE — Elder H. Farmer, D. Wiler and W. M. Brooks.
THREE FORKS — John Osborn and Harvey Lewis.
THREE TOP — A Letter, but no Delegates.
UNION — Elder Wm. J. Chapel, R. Baugus, and T. J. Baugus.
ZION HILL — Noah Farmer.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE	PASTORS	Saturday	By Baptism	By Letter	Ap'lication	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contri-butions
Big Spring	Edmond, N. C.	A. McKnight	2			1		2			21	$ .90
Baptist Chapel	Helton, N. C.	I. M. Carter	1	10	1				1		85	1.50
Double Springs	Furches, N. C.	M. Church	1	3				1			56	1.00
Grassy Creek	W'vrs. Ford, N. C.	Thos. J. Jones	2	4				2	1	2	35	1.00
Liberty	Silas Creek, N. C.	Jacob Eller	3	1	1	1	1	2	1		22	.70
Mount Carmel	Elk Creek, N. C.	R. C. Parsons	3						1		47	1.03
Mount Zion	Apple Grove, N. C.	Wm. J. Chapel	2	1		2		2	1		56	.80
Mt. Pleas. Chap.	Walnut Hill, N. C.	I. M. Carter	2								32	1.00
Mount Pleasant	Independence, Va.	I. W. Landreth	2			1				1	22	1.00
New Salem	Sparta, N. C.	None	2					1		2	22	.55
Pine Grove	Stag's. Cr'k, N. C.	Thomas J. Jones	3	9		1	4	1	2		85	1.50
Prather's Creek	Prathers Cr'k, N. C.	I. W. Landreth	4		1	1			3		28	1.00
Rock Springs	Norman, N. C.	A. McKnight	1							1	30	.75
South Fork	Scottsville, N. C.	None	4								19	.50
Silas Creek	Helton, N. C.	R. Jones	4								121	1.30
Shoal Creek	Independence, Va.	R. C. Parsons	1								18	.55
Sugar Grove	App. Grove, N. C.	H. Farmer	1	7		2	2				57	.70
Three Forks	Solitude, N. C.	Jacob Eller	4	4	4			3		3	113	1.50
Three Top	Creston, N. C.	I. M. Duncan	2	5					2		25	.35
Union	Husk, N. C.	Wm. J. Chapel	3					2			45	1.20
Zion Hill	Helton, N. C.	T. J. Jones	1								46	1.25
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5. Invited transients, when Brother Daniel Joines accepted a seat.

6. On motion authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7. Appointed Bros. John Osborn, Thos Higgins and Ezekiel Joines, with the delegates of this Church, to arrange the ministry, who report for to-morrow: 1st, Elder Isaac M. Carter; 2d, James Parsons; 3d, Jacob Eller.

8. Appointed Elder A McKnight, Bros. Henry Waggoner and A. Ashler as a Committee of Finance.

9. Appointed Bro. J. W. Pruitt to write a corresponding letter to the Primitive, and Bro. F. M. Eller to the Stony Fork Association.

10. Appointed as a Committee of arrangements, Elders R. Jones, Wm. J. Chapel, Wm. M. Baldwin, Henry Farmer, and Brother Wm. A. J. Fowlkes, with the Moderator, Clerk and corresponding brethren to sit with them

11. On motion, this body adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder James Parsons. Benediction by the Moderator.

Services were opened with singing and prayer by Elder Wm J. Chapel.

1. The Clerk called the Roll of Delegates, a quorum being present answering to their names.

2. Then, upon motion, the Committee of Arrangements made their report, which was received, and they discharged

3. The Clerk reads the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4 Called upon our corresponding brethren who were appointed to visit Sister Associations, when the following report was made, viz: Elders I W. Landreth and R. C. Parsons visited the Primitive, and Elder M Church the Stony Fork Association, and were kindly received by those brethren. The brethren who failed to go were excused.

5. Elder Jackson Blevins, who was appointed last year to write on Ministerial Duty, submits the following, which is hereby adopted, viz: It is the duty of ministers to 'preach the Word,' be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. It is the duty of ministers to keep that which is committed to their trust, as a good servant My brethren, more is expected from us than others. We should be conversant with the Gospel; how else can we lead others into it? We are servants of God, intrusted with his word—of its use and abuse at another day. We will have to render an account to God. The qualifications He requires of his ministers is Love. Jesus saith to Simon Peter, "Lovest thou me?" "Yea, Lord, thou knowest I love Thee." He saith unto him, "Feed my sheep." He would not trust them with one who did not love Him. To discharge this duty as it demands is a great matter Therefore, we should earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered to the Saints Under shepherds cannot furnish the pasture; the utmost we can do is to lead them into it. Ministers are required to discharge that trust as good and faithful servants. The term "good" stands opposed to unprofitable A good and faithful servant is a profitable servant. The Apostles preached Christ Jesus the Lord, and this is the grand theme of the Christian Ministry. Preach Christ, or you had better be anything than a preacher. "Take heed unto thyself and unto the Doctrine—continue in them, for in so doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. My brethren, see that the doctrine you teach and the duties you inculcate be not yours, but His who sent you A right seed is necessary to a profitable harvest. You must likewise do the will of Christ, as well as teach it, and that after His example; how else can you exhort and rebuke? You should hold up the blessings of His salvation for acceptance, even to the chief of sinners. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. It is a work which involves the happiness of our species. It

must occupy our whole attention in this work. We will have great opposition. Satan will dispute every inch of ground with us. Remember the suffering of the Apostle Paul. "Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck." He would not be deterred by fear of man from declaring the whole counsel of God It is our duty, my brethren, to insist on every divine truth and duty. Preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. Let us consider ourselves as standing engaged to teach all that hear us, rich and poor, young and old, godly and ungodly, warning the wicked, lest their blood be required at our hands. And seek the salvation of every man's soul. Fuller says: "Never degrade the pulpit by indulging in personalities; these are for private admonition." Rebuke with all authority, but let our personal rebuke be private. To introduce them in the pulpit is unmanly and would render us despicable. Speak but the truth in love, and speak the whole truth, and we will commend ourselves to every man's conscience when we can do no more. The Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

ELDER JACKSON BLEVINS.

6. Article on Sabbath Schools, by Elder Jacob Eller, which was adopted by the body, viz: Having been appointed by the Association, at its last session, to write on Sabbath Schools, I therefore pen a few lines on that subject for your consideration. Being an advocate of Sabbath Schools, if they are organized upon true principles, and for the benefit of the youths of the land, in educating them in the ways of truth according to the Holy Scriptures, which we are commanded to read and search; for Christ says: "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." And we are also commanded to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And Solomon says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Proverbs xxii. 6. We should teach our children to fear the Lord, "For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We, therefore, recommend that the Churches in our Union organize Sabbath Schools, and cultivate the mind of the young, and encourage them to read the Scriptures. Respectfully submitted. ELDER JACOB ELLER, SR.

7. The Finance Committee makes the following report, viz: Received from the Churches, $20.08; in hands of Treasurer, 45cts.;—making a total of $20.53, which is hereby received. Authorized the Clerk to have 700 copies of the minutes printed and distribute as usual, allowing him $5 for his services.

8. On motion, Elder Jackson Blevins is still requested to write an article on the Gospel Duty of Deacons.

9. On motion, appointed Bro. John Osborn to write on the subject of Temperance.

10. Appointed as Corresponding Messengers, Elder A. Mc-

Knight, M. Church, T. J. Jones and I. W. Landreth to the Primitive, and Elders Wm. J. Chapel, I. M. Carter, Wm. M. Brooks and Bro. D. Eller to the Stony Fork Association.

11. The brethren who were appointed to write corresponding letters to Sister Associations handed them in, and were discharged.

12. Appointed our next Association to convene with Silas Creek Church, Ashe county, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 2d Lord's Day in October 1884—Elder M. Church to preach the Introductory Sermon, I. W. Landreth alternate.

13. Elder Wm. M. Baldwin announced to the Association that he wished to call the attention of the Association, the hour having arrived. After Elder Wm. M. Baldwin read and explained certain papers repelling an unkind and ungenerous assault made on himself and us by one John Ammons, a traveling agent of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention, in a paper called the "Blue Ridge Baptist," published in Hendersonville, N. C., a motion prevailed, by a unanimous vote, heartily approving Bro. Baldwin's course in defending himself and us, and pledging our future and ardent support of all such efforts to repel such unwarrantable insults and libellious abuse.

14. The Committee on the Ministry report for to morrow: 1st, Elder T. Jones; 2d, Wm. M. Baldwin; 3d, Wm. J. Combs.

15. Appointed Elders Wm. M. Baldwin, M. Church, and I. W. Landreth as a committee to visit South Fork Church during the year, look into the cause why she fails to represent, and make report to the next Association.

16. Resolved that we now return our thanks to our brothers, sisters and friends for their kind and generous hospitality to us during this session.

17. On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed.

Prayer by Eld. W. J. Combs. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER THOS. J. JONES,
Moderator.

ISAAC W. LANDRETH, Clerk.

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SABBATH.—Services opened with prayer by Elder A. McKnight; 1st sermon by Elder R Jones, text Luke xiv. 17; 2d, Elder Wm. M. Baldwin, text II. Timothy i. 12; 3d, Elder Wm. J. Combs, text Isaiah xxviii. 16. The brethren preached with great zeal, during which great confusion and disorder prevailed on the outskirts of the large congregation, which was annoying to many. Hoping that the Word spoken was not in vain, &c.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Post Office.	Pastors.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Saturday	By Baptism	By Letter.	Ap'lication	Restored	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased	Total.	Contributions.
Big Spring.....	Edmond, N. C.	A McKnight	Elder A McKnight, Jas. Pool and Alvin Murphy	2			1		2			21	$ 90
Baptist Chapel	Helton, "	I M Carter	Elders I M Carter, Jackson Blevins.....	1	16	1				1		85	1 50
Double Springs	Furches "	M Church	Elders M Church, E Blevins and J C Richardson	1	3				1			56	1 00
Grassy Creek..	W'vrs Ford "	Thos J Jones	Elder Thomas J Jones, W Darnal, Thos. Warren	2	4				2	1	2	35	1 00
Liberty.....	Silas Creek "	Jacob Eller	Elder Jacob Eller, F. M. Eller and James Kell	3	1	1	1	1	2	1		22	70
Mount Carmel	Elk creek "	R C Parsons	Elders I W Landreth, R C Parsons, J W Kegley	3						1		47	1 03
Mount Zion.....	Apple Grove"	Wm J Chapel	James C Elliott	2	1		2		2	1		56	80
Mt. Pleas. Chap	Walnut Hill"	I M Carter	Elder Wm M Baldwin, W R Brown, A Absher	2								32	1 00
Mount Pleasant	Independnce Va	I W Landreth	Joshua Taylor, Wm M Ham and W A J Fowlkes	2			1				1	22	1 00
New Salem	Sparta, N. C.	None	A Moxley, Ezekiel Joines and Jacob Joines	2					1		2	22	55
Pine Grove.....	Stag's cr'k, N C	Thomas J Jones	H C Pool, Jesse Bare and Gideon Poe.....	3	9		1	4	1	2		85	1 50
Prather's Creek	Prathrs crk N C	I W Landreth	Craig Jones, John Petty and J W Pruitt	4		1	1			3		28	1 00
Rock Springs...	Norman N C	A McKnight	Thos. Baugus, Thos. Higgins and Wm. Eades.....	1							1	30	75
South Fork.....	Scottsville N C	None	No Letter nor Delegates.....	4								19	50
Silas Creek.....	Helton N C	R Jones	Elder R Jones, Henry Wagoner and Alex. Sexton	4								121	1 30
Shoal Creek ...	Independnce Va	R C Parsons	Elder Alexander Osborn and William R Osborn	1								18	55
Sugar Grove ...	App. Grove N C	H Farmer	Elder H Farmer, D Eller and W M Brooks.....	1	7		2	2				57	70
Three Forks . .	Solitude N C	Jacob Eller.....	John Osborn and Harvey Lewis	4	4	4			3		3	113	1 50
Three Top	Creston N C	T M Duncan	A Letter, but no Delegates	2	5					2		25	35
Union	Husk N C	Wm J Chapel	Elder Wm J Chapel, R Baugus and T J Baugus.	3					2			45	1 20
Zion Hill.....	Helton N C	T J Jones	Noah Farmer	1								40	1 25
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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-first Annual Session

OF THE

MOUNTAIN UNION

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Composed of Delegates from the Regular Baptist Churches in our Union.

Convened with Union Church,

Ashe County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 7TH, AND 8TH, 1887.

{ THOS. J. JONES, MODERATOR, }
{ ISAAC W. LANDRETH, CLERK, }

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INDEPENDENCE, VA.:
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MINUTES.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, Friday, Oct. 7, 1887.

The Twenty-first Annual Session of the Mountain Union Baptist Association convened with Union Church, Ashe county, N. C., October 7th, 1887.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder A. McKnight—text, Mark, 16:15.

2. After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the church and were called to order with singing and prayer by Elder Thomas J. Jones.

3. Then called for Associational letters, when 18 were handed in and were read by the Clerk.

4. Then appointed Elders M. Church and J. W. Kegley to occupy the stand to-day.

5. On motion, called upon Elders Jas. Parsons and W. W. Myers to act as tellers, who report Elder Thos. J. Jones Moderator, and Elder I. W. Landreth Clerk and Treasurer.

6. On motion, invited corresponding brethren, when Elders James Parsons, John F. Eller and Wm. M. Lee, from the Stony Fork Association, came forward with a letter and minutes, and Elder W. W. Myers and James N. Wiles, from the Primitive, without a letter and minutes—all of whom were received by this body.

7. On motion invited transients, when Eld. I. Lewis, from the Three Fork church; Bro. J. M. Brown, from the Primitive; J. H. Stansberry, Wm. Eller, and Elder David Eller, from the Stony Fork, accepted seats.

8. On motion, authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

9. Appointed Bros. J. D. Sturgill, Poindexter Blevins and W. H. Barlow, with delegates of this church, a Committee on the Ministry, who report, for to-morrow: 1st, Elder James Parsons; 2d, Elder E. Blevins; 3d, Elder W. W. Myers; 4th, Elder R. C. Parsons.

10. Appointed Bros. B. Sturgill, Isom Thompson and Eli Church a Committee of Finance.

11. Appointed as Committee of Arrangements, viz: Elders Jackson Blevins, R. C. Parsons, E. Blevins, I. M. Carter and Jacob Eller, with the Moderator, Clerk and corresponding brethren.

17. The Committee on Time and Place for next Association report, viz: "Mount Zion Church, Ashe county, N. C., twelve miles north of Jefferson, on Friday before the 2d Lord's Day in October, 1888—Elder I. W. Landreth to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Thos. J. Jones alternate. (Adopted.)

"R. JONES, Chairman."

18. The brethren who wrote corresponding letters handed them in and were discharged.

19. On motion, agreed to have 600 copies of the minutes printed and distribute as usual.

20. On motion, we now return our thanks to the brethren, sisters and dear friends for their kind hospitality and liberal entertainment during our session.

21. On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed. Prayer by Eld. R. Jones; benediction by the Clerk.

ELDER THOMAS J. JONES,
Moderator.

ISAAC W. LANDRETH, Clerk.

Sabbath.

Services opened by Elder L. D. Vaughan reading the 53d chapter of Isaiah, after which he delivered an excellent sermon from St. John 11th chapter, and latter clause of the 28th verses. At the close of the sermon there was such a spiritual moving among the people that it was thought best to call to know how many desired the prayers of the church, when a number came forward with tears asking to be prayed for.

Thus passed off the 21st session, in much love and union among the brethren. Come now, let us show our faith by our works, and see what will be the result twelve months hence. Amen! CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Names of Delegates.	Saturday,	By Baptism,	By Letter,	Application,	Restored,	Dismissed,	Excluded,	Deceased,	Total,	Contribution,
Big Springs,	A. McKnight,	Edmond, N.C.	Elder Andrew McKnight, - - - -	2								23	$ .70
Baptist Chapel,	J. Blevins,	Helton, "	Elder J Blevins, I Thompsnn, P Blevins, -	1	3						4	93	1.50
Double Springs,	M. Church,	Furches, "	Elder M Church, Eli Church, M F Church, -	1					2			60	.80
Grassy Creek,	Thos. J. Jones,	Weav'rs Ford,"	Elder Thomas J Jones, Thomas Warren, - -	2							2	39	.60
Liberty,	J. Blevins,	Silas Creek, "	Elder J Eller, F M Eller, Wm R Heath -	3						1		23	.50
Mt. Carmel,	I. W. Landreth	Elk Creek, "	Elders I W Landreth, J W Kegley, - -	3						1	1	48	.55
Mt. Zion,	R. C. Parsons,	Pinkton, "	A Bare, M Elliott, Melvin Shepperd, - -	2					2		1	54	.60
Mt. Pleas. Chap	J Blevins,	Walnut Hill, "	Elder I M Carter, W R Brown, I P Stoe, -	2	2	3						50	1 25
Mill Creek,	W. M. Brooks,	Comet, "	Elder J C Eller, John Eller, - - - -	4						2	1	29	.40
Pleasant Grove,	E. Blevins,	Laurel Springs"	Claiborn Richardson, F M Osborn, - - -	3		1	3					36	1.00
Pine Grove,	J. Bare,	Buffalo, "	Elder J Bare, W H Barton, J V Yates, -	3	2	3	4					60	1 00
South Fork,	E. Blevins,	Topia, "	Elder E Blevins, E E Wyatt, J D Sturgill, -	4		2	1	1			2	37	1.00
Silas Creek,	R. Jones,	Silas Creek, "	Elder R Jones, H R Wagoner, Alexander Sexton,	4	1	1	2		4	2	1	95	1.60
Sugar Grove,	H. Farmer,	Apple Grove, "	Elder W M Brooks, Eli Miller, Leander Hurley,	1		2	1	1		2		55	1.00
Three Forks,	R. C. Parsons,	Solitude, "	Elder R C Parsons, Joel Brown, Irvin W Lewis,	4	5	1				4		131	1.50
Three Top,	James Parsons,	Creston, "	A letter, but no delegates, - - - - -	1								30	.25
Union,	I. W. Landreth	Husk, "	Wesley Thompson, N P Starling, Wm Mc Caudill,	3	12	3	7	3	1		1	9	1.40
Zion Hill,	I. M. Carter,	Sturgill's "	Elder A Powers, B Sturgill, S Darnal, - -	2			2						1.50
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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-fourth Annual Session

OF THE

MOUNTAIN UNION

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

COMPOSED OF DELEGATES FROM THE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES IN OUR UNION.

CONVENED WITH PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH,

Alleghany County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 10TH AND 11TH, 1890.

EZEKIEL BLEVINS, Moderator.
ISAAC W. LANDRETH, Clerk.

INDEPENDENCE, VA.:
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MINUTES

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, Friday, Oct. 10, 1890.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. A. Powers, Heb. iv, 9: "Rest to the people of God."

2. After 15 minutes intermission the delegates assembled in the church, came to order with singing and prayer, by Elder W. J. Combs.

3. On motion, Eld. David Eller was called to the chair.

4. Then called for Associational Letters, when twenty-three were handed in and were read by the Clerk.

5. On motion, called on Eld. W. J. Combs and Bro. J. S. Holbrook to act as tellers, who report Elder E. Blevins Moderator, and I. W. Landreth Clerk.

6. Appointed Elds. J. J. Caudill and W. M. Brooks to preach to-day.

7. On motion, called for correspondents, when Elders A. J. Waggoner, C. Blevins, W. J. Combs, J. J. Caudill, and Bros. J. N. Myers, Z. S. Myers, J. S. Holbrook, N. Waddill, W. F. Gregory T. C. Myers, L. V. Myers, Eli Sebastian, from the Primitive; and Eld. Isaac Miller, from the Stony Fork Association, accepted seats with us.

8. Invited Transients, of our Faith and Order. Bro. C. G. Fowlkes accepted a seat.

9. Authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

10. Appointed on the Ministry: Bros. R. Blevins, E. E. Wyatt and M. F. Church, with the delegates of this church, who report for to-morrow: 1st, A. McKnight; 2d, David Eller; 3d, Jacob Eller.

11. Appointed on Finance: Bros. W. R. Brown, W. R. Heath and B. Sturgill.

12. Committee of Arrangements: Elders A. Powers, M. Church, J. Eller, and Bros. R. Bauguess, Jas. Gillespie and J. D. Sturgill, with the Moderator, Clerk and corresponding brethren to sit with them.

13. Appointed Bros. D. Eller and Jesse Bare to write corresponding letters to the Primitive and Stony Fork Associations.

14. Committee on Obituaries: Elders R. C. Parsons, I. W. Landreth and J. J. L. Church.

15. Committee on Resolutions: Elders M. Church, R. C. Parsons and J. D. Sturgill.

16. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder A. J. Waggoner. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 11.

Services opened; the Moderator read 125th Psalm; then prayer by Elder C. Blevins.

1. Called the Roll of Delegates and marked absentees.

2. Clerk read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

3. On motion, the Committee of Arrangements made their report, which was received and they discharged.

4. On motion, invited transients, when Elders W. F. Byrd and C. F. Fields accepted seats.

5. On motion, we refer the request of the Elkin brethren, viz: "We ask a friendly Christian correspondence with your body," to the churches for 12 months' consideration, to answer on our letters at next Association.

6. The corresponding brethren report: Elders I. W. Landreth, E. Blevins, and Bro. J. D. Sturgill visited the Primitive and were kindly received.

7. The brethren who wrote corresponding letters handed them in, which were received and they discharged.

8. On motion, the ministers made their report, viz:

	Days.	Sermons.	Miles.	Baptized.	Amt. rec'd.
I. W. Landreth,	125	98	1071	——	$17.98
J. P. Waters, - -	——	29	237	2	.50
R. C. Parsons, -	95	95	303	17	27.20
E. Blevins, - -	100	99	——	8	62.92
A. Powers, - -	52	84	257	—	1.10
Jesse Bare, - -	92	58	513	—	14.65
A. McKnight, -	55	49	600	—	7.15
David Eller, - -	103	90	613	—	29.36

9. Appointed our next Association to convene with Three Top church, Ashe county, N. C., on Friday before the 2d Lord's Day in October, 1891—Elder Jesse Bare to preach the Introductory; M. Church, alternate.

10. On motion, the committee on obituaries made their report, which was adopted, and they discharged.

11. The committee on Resolutions report, viz:

Resolved, 1st, That we recommend the Churches to be careful in their ordinations; 2d, That we use our efforts to prevent the using of ardent spirits as a beverage; 3d, That the deacons and laity are advised to look carefully to the support of their pastors and poor of their respective churches; 4th, That we encourage Sabbath Schools; 5th, That our ministers make an accurate report of their labor and what they receive.

MARTIN CHURCH, Chairman.

12. The committee of Finance report: "Received from the churches, $22.30; in hands of Treasurer, 40 cents. Total, $22.70. Report received.

13. A resolution submitted by Bro. J. D. Sturgill for the special benefit of the clerk, viz.: "Whereas, Bro. I. W. Landreth has faithfully served the Association 18 years, as clerk, Resolved, That this body take up a collection, the proceeds to be used in purchasing him a suit of clothes, as a token of the respect and esteem we have for our old brother.

14. Appointed as correspondents to the Primitive, viz: Elders I. W. Landreth, A. McKnight, E. Blevins, Jesse Bare, J. W. Kegley, and Bros. S. Edwards, J. Burchitt, R. Blevins and H. R. Waggoner; to the Stony Fork, Elders D. Eller, A. Hurly, I. W. Landreth, J. Bare, E. Blevins, and Bro. R. Thompson.

15. On motion, we recommend the Trap Hill Baptist Institute, conducted by Elder J. H. Yarboro, and ask this Association to patronize it.

16. On motion, authorized the clerk to have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distribute as usual, allowing him $7 for his services.

17. Elder R. C. Parsons introduced the following, viz: "Resolved, That we all unite our prayers in behalf of a general union in the Baptist family." Adopted.

18. On motion, appointed as a committee, Bros. S. Edwards, R. Blevins and R. Thompson to select ministers to labor for a general union, who report Elders R. C. Parsons, A. Mcknight, D. Eller and E. Blevins, all of whom are approved by the Association.

19. Resolved, That we now return our heart-felt thanks to the brethren, sisters and people in general for their kind hospitality.

20. On motion, we now adjourn to time and place appointed. Prayer by Elder W. J. Combs; benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER EZEKIEL BLEVINS, Moderator.

ISAAC W. LANDRETH, Clerk.

SABBATH.

Services opened by singing and prayer by Elder A. J. Waggoner. 1st Sermon by Elder A. Powers, from 2d Peter ii, 9; 2, Elder W. J. Combs, Malichi iii, 18; 3d, Elder C. Blevins, Matt. xxv, 6. This session closes with a general understanding that we use all Christian efforts to unite the Baptist family of this our mountain region, and promote the cause of our Heavenly Master. Hoping all who live to meet twelve months hence will meet in love and union; so let us work and pray God's blessing on one and all. God grant that we may have a great ingathering in our churches this year. Thanks for the contribution, $9.35, for suit of clothes.

CLERK.

OBITUARIES.

Elder P. Roberts died April 26, 1889, aged about 90 years. He professed religion at an early age. He married Miss Lehana Sexton, 6 children were born unto them, 2 dying in infancy. He was a deacon and ordained to the ministry, being a member of Silas Creek church, He was a man of mild temper, and did great honor to his profession, using hospitality to all around him. He retained his mind to the last, and bore his sufferings with great patience. His funeral was preached by Elders R. Jones and J. F. Fletcher, at his burial. We have lost a good man in his death.

Eli Church was born March 8, 1841; died July 7, 1890. He professed religion October, 1886, and was ordained deacon in Double Springs church Feb. 1, Saturday, 1874. He was confined to his bed 13 months before his death, appeared strong in the Christian faith. Elder E. Blevins preached his funeral

Edmund Parsons died March 25, 1890, in his 85th year. He was one of the founders of the Association and deacon in Mt. Carmel church, an able defender of Baptist principles He selected Elders R. C. Parsons, J. J. L. Church I. W. Landreth to preach his funeral in the future, from the text, John x. 27, 28, 29. His dear wife, Charlotte, died February 18, 1890.

W. N. Howard was born March 11, 1805; died May 21, 1890; was a deacon in the church about 33 yrs. His wife, Nancy, was born Dec. 22, 1811; died Sept. 9, 1882

Sally Richardson was about 84 years old and died July 25, 1890. She was in the constitution of Mt. Carmel church, and was a faithful member and gave strong testimony of her acceptance with God. Eld. I. W. Landreth preached her funeral at death.

Rachel Landreth was born in Surry Co, N. C, Nov. 26, 1810, and died June 1, 1890, aged 79 years, 6 months and 6 days. She was the mother of nine children—six now living. She joined Little River church 3d Saturday in Sept. 1832, and was baptized by Elder Calvin Jones. She adorned the profession she had made. Those who knew her could say of a truth she loved the Lord. Her husband died, leaving her a lonely widow with her children. She counseled them in the way of all truth. All of them now belong to the church, following the good example of a dear mother. Her last moments to all around her were bright and glorious She selected minister to preach her funeral and gave full instruction about her burial and quietly passed away. Her children carried out her request and God will bless them; meet her in Heaven.—L. Brooks.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Names of Delegates.	Saturday,	By Bapt.	By Letter	Applica'n	Restored.	Dismiss'd	Excluded	Deceased	Total,	Contributions.	
Big Springs,	A. McKnight,	Ennice,	N. C.	Elder A McKnight, Samuel Edwards A Murphy,	2		1					22	$1	30
Baptist Chapel.	E. Blevins,	Helton,	"	Wilborn Barker,	1	2					4	85	1	50
Elk Knob,	J. J. L. Church	Sutherland,	"	Elder J J L Church, H H Mane,	2			3				11		35
Double Springs	M. Church,	Furches,	"	Elder M Church, Joshua Richardson, M F Church,	1						2	56		75
Grassy Creek,	E, Blevins,	We'vrs Ford	"	Wm W Phipps,	2					1		3	37	50
Glade Creek,	A J Waggoner,	Hooker,	"	James Gillespie, Thomas Higgins,	1		3				1	22		95
Liberty,	J. Eller,	Helton,	"	Elder Jacob Eller, W R Heath, F M Eller,	3						1	20		50
Mt. Carmel,	J. W. Kegley,	Nulin,	"	Elders I W Landreth, J W Kegley, John Burchitt,	3						4	2	40	1 00
Mt. Zion,	Jesse Bare,	Pinkton,	"	A Letter and contribution,	2								52	50
Mt. Pleas Chap	D. Eller,	Grimsley,	"	W R Brown, Robert Blevins, Martin Shatley,	2	7					1		57	1 25
New Hope,	J. P. Waters,	Concert,	"	A Letter and contribution,	4	4	1	2		4			21	50
Oak Grove,	J. F. Stanley,	Jefferson,	"	A. C. Joues,	1	4	1			5			24	80
Pleasant Grove	E. Blevins,	Laurel Sp'gs	"	C Richardson, J. W. Pruitt, F M. Osborn,	3	8				2			60	1 55
Poplar Cove,	Jesse Bare,	Obids,	"	Henry Dixon, Allen Miller,	3						1	1	21	45
Pine Grove,	Jesse Bare,	Dresden,	"	Elder Jesse Bare, J. V. Yates, James Turner,	3	1	5	2	1	2			113	1 50
South Fork,	A J Waggoner,	Topia,	"	Elder Ezekiel Blevins, J D Sturgill, E E Wyatt,	4							2	43	1 05
Silas Creek,	Jesse Bare,	Silas Creek,	"	Henry R Waggoner, Enoch Sexton,	4					7	5	1	104	1 50
Sugar Grove,	D. Eller,	Apple Grove	"	Elders David Eller, A Hurley, Robert Thompson,	1		2				1		47	1 00
Three Forks,	R. C. Parsons,	Solitude,	"	Elder Robert C Parsons, D J Perkins	4	3		1		5		2	112	1 50
Three Top,	R. C. Parsons,	Creston,	"	A Letter and contribution,	1	7				1	1		41	25
Union	I. W. Landreth	Husk,	"	Elder Wm Brooks, Richard Bauguss,	3					2		1	100	2 10
Walnut Grove,	R. C. Parsons,	Sho'ns X rds	Tn	Timothy Price,	2	5	1			1	1		40	50
Zion Hill,	J. Eller,	Sturgill's,	N. C.	Elder Andrew Powers, Byram Sturgill,	2								58	1 00
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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty-fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

MOUNTAIN UNION

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

COMPOSED OF DELEGATES FROM THE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES IN OUR UNION.

—CONVENED WITH THREE TOP CHURCH—

Ashe County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 9TH AND 10TH, 1891.

M. CHURCH, - Moderator.
ISAAC W. LANDRETH, Clerk.

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MINUTES.

THREE TOP CHURCH, Friday, Oct. 9, 1891.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Jesse Bare ; text, Jude 3d ver., "Earnestly contend," &c.

2. After a short intermission, the delegates met in the church and came to order with singing and prayer by Elder Isaac W. Landreth.

3. On motion, Eld. David Eller was called to the chair.

4. Then called for Associational letters, when 22 were handed in and read by the Clerk.

5. On motion, called on Eld. Wm. M. Lee and Bro. Wm. Gregory to act as tellers, who report Elder M. Church Moderator, and Elder I. W. Landreth Clerk.

6. On motion, invited correspondents, when Elds. W. M. Lee, J. F. Eller and W. N. Church, from the Stony Fork, and Bros. W. Gregory and E. A. Waddell, from the Primitive Association, accepted seats.

7. On motion, invited transients, of our faith and order, when Eld. Asa Brown, of Three Forks, Eld. W. W. White, of Brushy Mountain, Eld. P. B. Bunting, of the Watauga, and Eld. W. H. Glenn, of Ashe & Alleghany, accepted seats.

8. On motion, invited visiting brethren, when Elders J. J. L. Church, Wade Darnall, W. A. Brown, and W. D. Johnson accepted seats.

9. Appointed J. T. Reedy, H. R. Wagoner and Elder R. C. Parsons on Obituaries.

10. Appointed Elder J. Blevins, R. Bauguss and Fields Osborn on Destitution.

11. On Temperance—Elder Wm. M. Brooks, A. Powers and E. E. Wyatt.

12. On Sabbath Schools—Elder R. C. Parsons, J. W. Kegley and Rob. Blevins.

13. On Finance—Bros. W. F. Church, W. B. Wyatt and T. N. Deboard.

14. On the Ministry—Bros. H. Lewis, J. Burchett and A. Richardson, with the delegates of this church.

15. Committee of Arrangements—Elds. J. Blevins, D. Eller, A. McKnight and Bros. H. Lewis and R. Bauguss, with Mod., Clerk, corresponding and visiting brethren.

16. Appointed Eld. Jesse Bare and J. F. Reedy to write corresponding letters to Primitive and Stony Fork Asso's.

17. Appointed on Resolutions—Elders Wade Darnall, A. Powers and W. M. Brooks.

18. Com. on Ministry report, for tomorrow : 1st, W. H. Glenn ; 2d, W. M. Lee ; 3d, A. Powers.

19. On motion, adjourned to to-morrow 10 A. M. Prayer by Eld. W. M. Lee ; benediction by the Moderator.

Services opened by Elder Jackson Blevins reading 103d Psalm, and prayer by Elder D. Eller.

1. Called the Roll of Delegates and marked absentees.
2. Clerk read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
3. Com. of Arrangements reported and were discharged.
4. On motion, minutes of yesterday read and adopted.
5. On motion, Moderator appointed Eld. J. Blevins, H. R. Wagoner and W. Elliott to answer Elkin Association, who report, viz :

"In answer to the Elkin Association. We decline to take up a correspondence at present, but request you to visit the Mountain Union Association and you will be invited to seats with us, and we will treat you as Christian friends, and we will return the compliment."

6. The corresponding brethren report, viz :

"Elds. I. W. Landreth, A. McKnight, and Bros. H. R. Wagoner and J. Burchett visited the Primitive and were received kindly. Those appointed to visit Stony Fork failed."

7. On motion, the brethren who wrote corresponding letters handed them in and were discharged.
8. On motion, abandoned writing corresponding letters.
9. On motion, appointed correspondents to Stony Fork : Elds. D. Eller, J. Bare, I. W. Landreth, Bro. T. Jones ; to Primitive : Elders M. Church, W. M. Brooks, and Bros. J. Burchett and E. E. Wyatt.
10. On motion, Committee on Obituaries report, viz :

"Bros. Wesley Thompson, C. Richardson, and Sisters Mary E. Heath, D. C. Jones and Mary Dixon," which was adopted.

11. On motion, Com. on Temperance report adopted.
12. On motion, appointed Elds. M. Church, J. Blevins, D. Eller, R. C. Parsons and W. M. Brooks to labor with Zion Hill church on the communion question.
13. Finance Committee report, viz : From the churches, $18.65 ; in hands of Treas., $70—Total, $19.35. Adopted.
14. Com. on Ministry report, for Sabbath, 1st, C. M. Mikel ; 2d, W. H. Glenn ; 3d, I. W. Landreth.
15. Committee on Sabbath Schools report. Adopted.
16. The Committee on Destitution report. Adopted.
17. On motion, appointed our next Association to convene with Mt. Pleasant Chapel, Ashe Co., N. C., north of Jefferson, on Friday before the 2d Lord's day in Oct., 1892, Elder M. Church to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder W. M. Brooks alternate.
18. The Committee on Resolutions report. Adopted.
19. Eld J. P. Waters report : Sermons, 31 ; miles, 260 ; received, 75c. ; collection for orphanage by Clerk, $1.65.
20. On motion, we heartily endorse Trap Hill Institute as a Baptist school worthy of our patronage.
21. On motion, we return our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind hospitality to us.

22. On motion, adjourn to time and place appointed. Prayer by the Moderator; benediction by the Clerk.

ELDER MARTIN CHURCH,
Elder ISAAC W. LANDRETH, *Clerk.*] *Moderator.*

SABBATH.

First Sermon, C. M. Mikel, text Gen. 8:9; 2d, W. H. Glenn; 3d, I. W. Landreth followed with a short exhortation. There appeared to be good feelings generally.

Report on Obituaries.

BRO. WESLEY THOMPSON was born May 3, 1831, and died Oct. 6, 1891—age 60 years, 5 mos. and 3 days. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church Mar. 18, 1880. He lived a consistent christian life, and when about to depart this life he left bright testimony that he had a building of God, a house not made with hands eternally in the heavens. He was much beloved by brethren, sisters, and all who knew him. He leaves a dear wife and children to mourn his loss. Our loss, no doubt, is his great gain.

BRO. CLABORN RICHARDSON was born April 15, 1817, and died April 2, 1891. He professed religion in 1848, and was baptized by Elder Tobias C. Long. He was ordained Deacon 1855, and was much loved by the brethren, sisters, and all around him. He retained his mind to the last moments. He leaves four children.

SISTER MARY DIXON died March 11, 1889, aged 84. She was a member of Poplar Cove church. She had been a member of the church about 60 years, and a good woman who is greatly missed by the brethren and sisters.

SISTER MARY E. HEATH, wife of Deacon Wm. R. Heath, was born in Ashe Co., N. C., Dec. 30, 1827, and died May 2, 1888, aged 60 years, 4 months and 3 days. She was the mother of 7 children, all of them now living. She joined the Baptist Chapel church 1843, and was baptized by Eld. Richard Jacks. She adorned the profession she had made, and all who knew her could say of a truth, "She loved the Lord!" She counseled her children in the way of all truth. She was conscious to the last, and bore her affliction with great patience; she expressed herself, "I thank the Lord there is room enough in Paradise for me a home in Heaven." We have lost a good women in her death. Husband and children, try and meet her in Heaven.

DRUCILLA CAROLINE JONES was born 1850, and died November 21 1890. She had been a member of the Baptist church about 21 years and served as Deaconess about

18 years. She was the mother of ten children—three of whom have crossed the River of Death. She leaves a husband with 7 children and many relatives to mourn her loss. J. T. Reedy, Chm'n.

Temperance Report.

It is said that one million souls are destroyed annually by strong drink, and we as a Baptist denomination should take dicisive steps against this demon. The Bible says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The churches of the great Baptist denomination cannot afford to allow their members to make, buy and sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and your committee would advise strict discipline in such cases. Parents, talk Temperance to your children; Pastors, preach Temperance more to your churches; also, we advise all to be temperate in all things, especially to govern the tongues.

Elder W. M. Brooks, Chm'n.

Sabbath Schools Report.

We find a great many churches destitute of Sabbath Schools; we advise the churches to organize Schools in all the churches, for we believe them a good thing to moralize the youths of the land and to lead them to the Lamb of God. Elder R. C. Parsons, Chm'n.

Destitution Report.

We, the Committee on Destitution, after an investigation, would say there is great need of more active service in the ministry, especially in the Eastern part of this Association, as the ministers are scarce and the territory large; we will further say that the Association, if possible, should enable our ministers to spend more time in the ministry, all of which is hereby submitted.

R. Bauguess, for Com.

Resolutions Report.

Resolved, That we ask our churches to hold prayer and experience meetings and pray for each other. Resp'y,

Elder Wade Darnall, Chm'n.

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Big Springs,	A. McKnight,	Ennice, N. C	Elder Andrew McKnight, - - - - - - - - -	2								21	$ 90
Baptist Chapel,	J. Blevins,	Helton, "	Elder J. Blevins, N. C. DeBoard, - - - - -	1					8		1	73	1 00
Elk Knob,	J. J. L. Church	Sutherland, "	J. H. South, H, H. Mane, - - - - - - - -	2			3			1		13	30
Double Springs	M. Church,	Furches, "	Elder Martin Church, M. F. Church, - - -	1	3							59	75
Glade Creek,	A. McKnight,	Hooker, "	A Letter by Elder Mcknight, - - - - - - -	1	1	3	1					27	1 15
Liberty,	J. Eller,	Helton, "	W. R. Heath, G. W. Eller, W. B. Heath, - - -	3	1							23	60
Mt. Carmel,	A. J. Wagoner,	Nulin, "	Elders I. W. Landreth, J. W. Kegley, J. Burchett,	3	1							40	60
Mt, Zion,	R. C. Parsons,	Pinkton, "	Wilborn Elliott, Rufus Elliott, - - - - - -	2					4			48	50
Mt. Pleas Cha	D. Eller,	Grimsley, "	Robert Blevins, W. B. Wyatt, - - - - - - -	2		1			7		1	49	1 05
New Hope,	H. Farmer,	Concert, "	William Rupard, - - - - - - - - - - - -	4		2	1				1	24	50
Oak Grove.	V. H. Darnall,	Linney, "	A. C. Jones, J. Riley, W. J. Caudill, - - - -	1	2		1					27	60
Pleasant Gro	M. Church,	City, "	Alexander Richardson, F. Osborn, - - - - -	3						1	1	58	80
Poplar Cov	D. Roten,	Obids, "	Elder D. Roten, Allen Miller, M. Sheets, - - -	2			1					22	50
Pine Grove	D. Eller,	Dresden, "	Elder J. C. Eller, J. T. Reedy, James Turner, -	3	5	2	2		7	2	1	113	1 50
South Fork	A. J. Wagoner,	Topia, "	E. E. Wyatt, - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4					3			41	1 00
Silas Cre	J. Bare,	Silas Creek, "	Henry R. Wagoner, Enoch Sexton, - - - - -	4	1				1		2	102	1 80
Sugar Gr	J. Bare,	Bly, "	Elder D. Eller, R. Thompson, Eli Miller, - - -	1	6	2			1		4	50	1 00
Three F	R. C. Parsons,	Solitude, "	Elder R, C. Parsons, H. Lewis, D. J. Perkins, -	4	1	1			7	5	1	123	1 50
Three T	R. C. Parsons,	Creston, "	Daniel Graham, T. M. Jones, Wm Rash, - - -	1							2	39	35
Union,	J. Bare,	Husk, "	Elder W. M. Brooks, R. Bauguss, - - - - -	3					9	2	1	89	1 40
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MINUTES

—OF THE—

23TH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MOUNTAIN UNION

Baptist Association,

Composed of Delegates from the Regular Baptist Churches in Our Union,

—CONVENED WITH—

MOUNT ZION CHURCH,

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Friday and Saturday, October 12th & 13th, 1894.

ELD. DAVID ELLER, - *Moderator.*
" ISAAC W. LANDRETH, - *Clerk.*

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Sparta, N. C.

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Services opened by Elder R. C. Parsons leading in prayer.

1st. The Clerk called the roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2nd. He then read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

3rd. On motion, read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

4th. On motion, extended invitation to visitors. None present.

5th. The Committee of Arrangements made their report and were discharged.

6th. On motion, agreed to take up the items as they stand on bill.

7th. The Committee on the Ministry report for Sabbath: 1st, Elds. R K. Johnson; 2nd. I. W. Landreth; 3rd, A. McKnight.

8th, The Committee on Temperance report, viz: We believe that any number of our churches that would engage in this great evil of Intemperance ought to be dealt with in our churches, as we regard it one of the greatest evils to the human family. Committee, Elders Isom Edwards, J. L Stewart, W. R Brown.

9th. The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, viz: We believe that Sabbath Schools should be kept up, and that ministers and officers of the churches should make all efforts to this end. Committee, J. C. Eller, R. K. Johnson and J. T. Reedy.

10th. The Committee on Obituaries report two, viz: Bros. Moses Stike and Joshua Sturgill, deceased, to be attached to this Minute. Committee, Elder A. McKnight, Bro. P. Blevins and Harvey Lewis.

11th The Committee on Resolutions report, viz: We, as your committee, do advise the brothers and sisters of our churches to be more prompt in filling their seats on their church meeting days, as "ye are the salt of the earth, and the light of the world." Do not forsake assembling together in the manner of some are doing. Committee, Elds. W. H. Darnall, H. Farmer and H. R. Wagoner.

12th. Our Evangelist, I. W. Landreth, who was appointed last year made his report, which was read and after it being discussed agreed to publish the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum in its stead, as our funds are short.

13th. The Committee on Destitution report. viz: After investigation we will say there is great need of more active service in the ministry, especially in the eastern and south-western part of this Association. And would further say that our people should be more liberal in sustaining the ministry. Martin Brinegar, Ch'm.

14th. The Committee on Finance report, viz: Received from the churches, $17 91. Committee discharged. Eld. W. R. Wyatt, Ch'm.

15th. The corresponding brethren report, viz: I. W. Landreth and J. V. Yates visited the Primitive, and David Eller visited the Stony

Fork Associations. They were received kindly.

16th. Appointed to the Primitive, Elders I. W. Landreth, A. McKnight, W. B. Wyatt, D Eller. Wm. Brooks, and Bro. Samuel Edwards and M. E. Simcock. To Stony Fork, Elders D. Eller, R C. Parsons, W. B. Wyatt, J. Eller, Wm. Brooks, A. C. Jones and J. H. South.

17th. On motion, a preamble was introduced by Elder I. W. Landreth, viz: Whereas this Association has such a large territory, it is thought advisable by some of the churches in the eastern part to divide the Association. Therefore this body authorizes the Clerk of this Association to write letters of dismission to as many churches as may make application to him, and assign them officially, to go into a new association on the same platform and Articles of Faith of this body. We now appoint Elders David Eller, Jacob Eller, R. C. Parsons, W. B. Wyatt and H. Farmer as a presbytery, to meet with the brethren and organize them into a new association at any future time the brethren may designate, and the presbytery to make their report at our next Association.

18th. Appointed our next Associations to convene at Union Church on Horse Creek, Ashe county, N. C., on Friday before the 2nd Lord's Day in October, 1895. Elder R. C. Parsons to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Jacob Eller alternate.

19th. On motion, the Clerk is to have $5.00 for his services and have Minutes printed and distributed as usual.

21st. On motion, we return our sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and community for their kind hospitality to us.

22nd On motion read and approved the minute of to-day.

23rd. On motion adjourned to time and place appointed.

24th. Prayer by Elder A. McKnight. Benediction by the Clerk.

ISSAC W. LANDRETH, Clerk. ELD. DAVID ELLER, Moderator.

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SABBATH.

First sermon by Elder R. K. Johnson, text, 2nd Timothy, 4th ch. 2nd verse, "Preach the Word." Second sermon by Elder I. W. Landreth, Genesis 24th ch. latter clause of 58th verse, "I will go." Third, Elder A. McKnight closed with a warm exhortation. A better association I have never witnessed. This closes my 22nd year as Clerk of this good old body. I still ask the prayers of my dear brethren and sisters while I live on this earth. Farewell with tears.

CLERK.

OBITUARIES.

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Moses Stike died Jan. 10th, 1893, age 91 years, 8 months and days. Bro. Stike had been a strict member of the Baptist church sinc 1847. He was an earnest, faithful member and did much good f the advancement of the cause of Christ. He had been ill only a sho time, but on January, 10th, 1893, the angel of death visited him an wafted his spirit to the realms of endless rest, "a house not made wit hands eternal in the heavens," where he is no doubt enjoying that re that remaineth for the people of God. We tender our sympathy to th bereaved widow and children and all the relatives. Believing tha our loss is his eternal gain, farewell dear brother till we meet befor the throne of God above, and cast our crown at Jesus' feet, and sing th triumph of his love.

Joshua Sturgill was born, Dec. 9th, 1816, and died August 30t 1894, aged 77 years, 8 months and 21 days. He lived on Big Helto Ashe Co., N. C. He professed a hope in Christ in early manhoo and afterwards became a member of Zion Hill Baptist church an remained the same as long as he lived. He married a Miss Weave who made him a kind christian companion. His funeral was preache by Elders W. B. Wyatt and Ambrose Weaver before his body wa buried. There was a large congregation and great sympathy manifeste He is greatly missed by the community and the church has sustaine a great loss. May the Lord bless Sister Sturgill and her dear childre to meet husband and father in Heaven.

Committee, { A. McKnight, P. Blevins, H. Lewis.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

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1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise fr his seat, and address the Moderator when he is about to make h speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interruped in his spee by any one except the Moderator, until he is done speaking

4. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from the body for his absence.

6 No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the setting of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking, until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the rules of this Decorum.

10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association shall request.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled. But he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

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CONSTITUTION.

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Art. 1. This association shall be known by the name of the Mountain Union Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent in the Association. Who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead since last association.

2 The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right

over any church in her Union.

3. The association when convened shall be governed by a regular Decorum,

4. The association shall have a Moderator and Secretary who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches, or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letter and delegates, shall be admitted into the Union.

6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future association.

9. We think it necessary to have an associational fund to defray the expenses of the association, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they may think proper to the association and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the association for the same, and the association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10 There shall be an association book wherin the proceedings of the association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if necessary and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the association adjourns

12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The association shall act as advisory counsel, and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union of the churches, and also to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the association.

. The association shall have power to withdraw from any church
r Union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or devi-
rom the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

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e any brother in the ministry in good standing, or that can bring
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NAMES OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESS.

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Isaac W. Landreth,.....	Amelia,..... N.
Andrew McKnight,.....	Cherry Lane,.....
R. K. Johnson,.....	Sparta,.....
Isom Edwards,.....	Hampt'n's X R'ads, V
Martin Church.....	Furches, ... N.
Jas. W. Kegley,.....	Piney Creek, ...
J. L. Stewart,.....	Osborn,..... Te
James N Calaway,.....	Jefferson,..... N
Wade H. Darnall,.....	Dresden,.....
W. B. Wyatt,.....	Crumpler,.....
David Eller,.....	Linney,.....
J. C. Eller,.....	Clifton,.....
David Roten.....	Obids,.....
Henry Farmer,.....	White Top, ... V
Robert C. Parsons,.....	Creston, ... N
J. J. L. Church.....	Sutherland.....
Wm. Porter.....	Linney,.....
Wm. M. Brooks.....	Husk,.....
Rezin Jones,.....	Sturgills,.....

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CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.								
Baptist Chapel	D. Eller,.....	Helton,..... N.C.	P Blevins, W W Testerman.....	1	0	2	0 1	2	0	2	80
Big Spring,...	A McKnight,	Ennice,..... "	Elder A McKnight, John F Pool,.....	2	17	0	6 0	2	0	2	64
Elk Knob,....	J J L Church.	Tracy, ... "	J H South.....	2	0	0	0 0	2	0	0	12
Flat Grove,...	R C Parsons.	Linney,..... "	Jas. Turner, Jas. Rash, L W Perkins,.....	2	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	11
Liberty.	J Eller, ...	Helton,..... "	Elder J Eller, G W Eller, W B Heath, ...	3	3	1	0 1	0	0	0	34
Mt. Carmel, ..	I W Landreth,	Amelia,..... "	Elds I W Landreth, J W Kegley, J Burchett.	3	2	0	0 0	0	0	0	32
Mt, Zion,....	W Darnall, ..	Pinckton,.... "	M Elliott, Harrison Elliott, J C Elliott,.....	2	0	2	0 0	2	0	1	52
Mt. Plat Ch'p'l	E Blevins, ...	Grimsley,.... "	Elds. W B Wyatt, J N Calaway, W R Brown	2	9	0	0 0	0	0	0	54
New Hope,...	J Blevins,....	Hermitage, .. "	Elder H Farmer, Wm Rupard, M Barker,..	4	2	4	0 0	15	1	0	25
New Home,...	A McKnight,	Sparta,..... "	Eld R K Johnson, S. Edwards, J S Chambers,	4	6	1	0 0	0	0	0	21
Oak Grove, ..	D Eller,.....	Linney, ... "	Elders D Eller, Wm Porter, John Childers.	1	19	1	1 0	0	1	0	60
Pleas'nt Grove	M Church,...	City,..... "	F M Osborn, Martin Brinegar,.....	3	4	1	1 1	0	2	0	74
Pleas'nt Home	I Edwards,...	Edw'rds X R'ds,"	Eld. Isom Edwards, S Willey, Thos Higgins	3	3	0	8 0	0	0	0	29
Poplar Cove, .	D Roten,....	Obids,..... "	Elder D Roten, Y L Absher.....	3	1	0	0 0	0	0	0	27
Pine Grove,..	D Eller,.....	Comet,..... "	Elders J C Eller, W H Darnall, J T Reedy.	3	3	5	1 0	0	5	1	120
South Fork, ..	A Wagoner,..	Topia, ... "	E E Wyatt, ...	4	9	0	0 0	0	0	0	56
Silas Creek, ..	D Eller, ...	Silas Creek,.. "	H R Wagoner, Eld. Wm Brooks, A Sexton,	4	7	4	1 0	1	0	0	103
Sugar Grove,.	J Blevins,....	Bly, ... "	Stephen Elliott, Eli Miller, Lee Hurley,....	2	0	0	0 0	0	2	0	39
Three Forks, .	J Blevins,....	Solitude, ... "	Elder R C Parsons, E R Lewis, Harvy Lewis,	4	0	0	0 0	0	4	0	98
Grassy Creek,	W B Wyatt, .	Weaversford, "	A Letter by Elder W B Wyatt,.....	2	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	17
Union,.....	H Farmer, ...	Hnsk, ... "	R Bauguss, E Bauguss, W N Sullivan,.....	3	0	0	0 0	5	0	0	76
Glade Creek,.	A McKnight,	Hooker, ... "	Creed Edwards, J V Franklin, D Johnson,..	1	12	7	10 0	12	1	3	84
Walnut Grove,	J L Stewart,..	Osborn, ...Tenn	Elder J L Stewart. No Contribution, ...	3	0	1	0 0	0	0	0	43
Zion Hill,....	W B Wyatt, .	Sturgills, ... N. C	B Sturgill, F L Sturgill, Y D Rash,.....	2	0	1	0 0	1	7	2	43
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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirtieth Annual Session

—OF THE—

MOUNTAIN UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Composed of delegates from the Baptist Churches in our Union,

—CONVENED WITH—

Walnut Grove Church,

Johnson County, Tennessee, Friday and Saturday. October 9th and 10th, 1896.

ELDER DAVID ELLER, MODERATOR
ELDER W. B. WYATT, CLERK.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR P. O.

Elder	David Eller	Linney	North Carolina.
"	W. B. Wyatt	Crumpler	North Carolina.
"	W. H. Darnall	Dresden	North Carolina.
"	Robt. C. Parsons	Creston	North Carolina.
"	David Roten	Obids	North Carolina.
"	J. N. Calloway	Jefferson	North Carolina.
"	J. S. Stewart	Osborn	Tennessee.
"	Henry Farmer	White Top	Virginia.
"	J. J. S. Church	Sutherland	North Carolina.
"	Wm. Porter	Linney	North Carolina.
"	Wm. Brooks	Husk	North Carolina.
"	Rezin Jones	Sturgill's	North Carolina.
"	John A. Riddle	Buffalo	North Carolina.
"	Jackson Blevins	Grimsley	North Carolina.
"	Jesse S. Barr	Comet	North Carolina.
"	Monroe Elliott	Comet	North Carolina.
"	Joel A. Tedder	Pinckton	North Carolina.

PROCEEDINGS.

WALNUT GROVE CHURCH, OCT. 9TH, 1896.

1. Service introduced by Elder D. Eller, read 34th Psalm Prayer by Elder J. A. Tedder. Introductory sermon by Elder John Riddle. Text: 1st Kings, 22nd chapter, 34th verse, "For I am wounded," etc.

2. After an intermission the delegates assembled in the church and come to order by singing and prayer by Elder W. H. Darnall.

3. Called for associational letters, when nineteen were handed in and read by the Clerk.

s. On motion Elders J. F. Eller, of the Blue Ridge association; and Wm. A. J. Fowlkes, from the Little River association, to act as tellers, who report Elders D. Eller, Moderator, and W. B. Wyatt, Clerk.

5. On motion opened door for newly constituted churches, when Covenant church, Ashe Co., N. C., and Laurel Hill church, Ashe Co., N. C., came forward and were kindly received by the body.

6. On motion invited corresponding brethren, when Elder J. F. Eller and Bro. Jasper Greer, from the Blue Ridge association, were seated with us; and Elder Wm. A. J. Fowlkes and Bro. E. E. Wyatt, from the Little River association, and were seated with us. Invited transient brethren when Bro. M. E. Simcock was seated with us.

7. On motion invited visiting brethren when Bro. James P. Cockerham, from the Primitive association; Bro. B. F. Hoppers, from the Little River association, and Elder J. H. Love, from the Watauga association.

8. On motion authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments for this session. He then appointed the following committees, viz: On the Ministry—Bros. Joel Brown, E. V. Bauguess, W. R. Heath, with delegates of Walnut Grove church. On Obituaries—Elders J. A. Tedder, J. S. Stewart and Bro. S. E. Mock. On Finance—Elder J. S. Barr, Bros. A. J. Miller and T. J. Bauguess. On Temperance—Elder John

Riddle, Bros. Harvy Lewis and W. J. Duncan. On Sabbath School—Elder R. C. Parsons, Bros. J. B. Jones and W. N. Barker. On Resolutions—Elders W. H. Darnall, Monroe Elliott and J. S. Barr. On Arrangements—Elders J. A. Tedder, R. C. Parsons, Wm. Brooks, W. H. Darnall, J. S. Barr; Moderator, Clerk and Corresponding Brethren added. Appointed Brethren to write Corresponding Letters—Bros. W. T. Miller to the Little River association; W A. Grayham to the Primitive association; A. J. Miller to the Blue Ridge association; Elder J. A. Tedder to the Stony Fork association.

9. On motion, committee on the ministry report for Saturday: Elders Monroe Elliott and J. F. Eller at 10 o'clock, and Wm. A. J. Fowlkes and B. F. Hoppers at 1 o'clock.

10. On motion, appointed a committee to select a brother to write on the duty of the ministers, deacons and the church in relation to each other—Bros. F. S. Sturgill, James Rash and T. J. Bauguess, committee.

11. On motion, we adjourned 'till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Monroe Elliott. Benediction by Elder R. C. Parsons.

SATURDAY, Oct. 10th, 1896.

Spent half hour in devotional service, conducted by Elder Wm. Brooks. Then called to order by the Moderator.

1. On motion, the committee on arrangements report, received and committee discharged.

2. On motion, to take up the items as they stand on bill of arrangement.

3. Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees. (8 absent.)

4. Read Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

5. Read and adopted minutes of Friday.

6. On motion, extended invitation to visiting brethren. None present.

7. Committee on the ministry report for Sabbath: 1st, Elder J. A. Tedder; 2nd, Elder W. B. Wyatt; 3rd, J. F. Eller, report received.

8. Committee on intemperance report and remarks by Elders John Riddle, R. C. Parsons, W. B. Wyatt, J. S. Stewart, J. A. Tedder, J. S. Barr, Col. J. M. Grayson and Bro. M. E. Simcock. Report adopted, viz:

We beleave that Intemperance is one of the greatest evils that is in our land; that it is one hindrance to the Christian progress, and we would advise our brethren to use their influence against this great evil. We believe that it leads to the destraction of more souls and causes more sighs and aching hearts than all other sins combined.

Elder John Riddle,
Bro. W. J. Duncan, } Com.
Bro. Harvey Lewis.

9. On motion committee on Sabbath School report. Adopted, viz:

We, your committee on Sabbath School, earnestly entreat our brethren to be more earnest in the work of the Sabbath School cause. We further ask our brethren to organize Sabbath Schools in all the churches in our Union. These are a safe guard for our children where kept up. Christ entered into the temple and taught the people on the Sabbath. Brethren we ought to do also.

Elder R C. Parsons, Chm. Com.

10. Committee on Obituaries report. Adopted, viz:

John Eldreth and wife, Sarah Eldreth, Elisabeth Wagoner, Sarah Jane Eller.

Elder J. A Tedder, Chm. Com.

11. Committee on Resolutions report. Adopted, viz:

We, your committee on Resolutions, Resolve, 1st. That we advise all our churches to insist upon all their members to promptly fill their seats on church meeting days. 2nd. We advise our churches to strictly adhere to the mandates of the New Testament and promptly deal with all members who walk disorderly. 3rd. We advise our brethren and sisters to be more careful in visiting the fatherless and widowed and those in distress and extending their sympathies to them by lending a helping hand. 4th. We advise our brethren and sisters to extend their sympathies to the bereaved family and widow of Bro, I. W. Landreth by lending to them a helping hand.

Elder W. H. Darnall, Chm, Com.

12. Finance committee reported $18.30. Report adopted.

A. J. Miller, Chm. Com.

13. On motion corresponding brethren report, viz: Elders W. B. Wyatt, W. H. Darnall, J. N. Calaway, D. Roten, Wm. Brooks and Bros. M. E. Simcock, H. R. Wagoner to the Little River, and were kindly received. Elders W. B. Wyatt, Bros M. E. Simcock and H. R. Wagoner to the Primitive, and were kindly received. Elders D. Eller, Wm. Porter, D. Roten and Bro. M. E. Simcock to the Blue Ridge, and were kindly received.

14. On motion brethren who wrote corresponding letters report. Three handed in.

15. On motion appointed correspondents: Elders D. Eller, J. S. Stewart and Bro. M. E. Simcock to the Blue Ridge association; Elders W. B. Wyatt, A. J. Tedder, R. C. Parsons, W. H. Darnall, John Riddle, Wm. Porter and Bro. M. E. Simcock to the Little River association; Elders W. B. Wyatt, Wm Porter, D. Roten and Bros. James Turner, M. E. Simcock to the Primitive association.

16. On motion the Secretary reports for the year 1895. Report received, viz:

Received from committee on finance	$13.70.
Paid for printing 500 copies of minutes	$7.00
Secretary's fees allowed him	$4.00
Postage for mailing minutes	$ .65
Paid in hand of Evangelist	$2.05
	$13.70 $13.70

Elder W. B. Wyatt, Secretary.

17. On motion, the evangelist report. Adopted, viz:

I, your evangelist, submit the following report: As I only received a partial answer from the churches as to what they would do for me I saw I could not affort to spend all my time. I done the best I could under the promises. I started out immediately after the association and spent three months, most solid time, in the work, and had great success, and seeing the churches were failing on their part, I was forced to fail on my part. My first work was in revival meetings and during this time I witnessed 91 conversions, most all of which

joined the churches. Since this time I have only spent part of my time in the work, and for the time I have spent, I have received $19.10. I am sorry the work was not as great a success it might have been.

Elder D. Eller, Evangelist.

18. On motion, we have an Evangelist.

19 On motion, that the Evangelist's work be on the borders outside our association for the interest of our association.

20. On motion, elect Evangilist by private ballot. Elder J. A Tedder elected. Elder Neal Campbel and Bro. M. E. Simcock, tellers.

21. On motion, that the delegates of this association be instructed to ask their respective churches to appoint one of their most energetic members to serve as steward for the purpose of making collections for the help of our Evangelist work; these to be made quarterly and notice of the same to be given the Evangelist by the 1st day of Jan., 1896.

22. On motion, we ask the churches what they will do for an Evangelist for the year 1898, and report at next association.

23. On motion, we ask the churches to consider the propriety of giving the ordained ministers a seat in the association as standing delegates and electing the number of three delegates from the layety and report at next association.

24. On motion, called for report of committee to appoint a man to write on duty of ministers, deacons, layety, in relation to each other. Elder J. A. Tedder to write and report at next association.

25. On motion, that we strike out from 5th Article of Faith the words, "Shall never fall finally away," and insert in lieu the words, "Will preserve in grace into eternal glory." The 7th Article of Faith strike out the words, "Lord's Supper," and insert in lieu thereof the word, "Communion."

26. On motion, we instruct the Clerk to have the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith printed in these minutes.

27. On motion, that our next association be held with

Baptist Chapel church, 5 miles North of Healing Springs, Ashe Co., N C., beginning on Friday before the 2nd Lord's Day in Oct. 1897. Elder W. H. Darnall to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder J. A. Tedder, alternate.

28. On motion, the Clerk be appointed Treasurer, and he have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual, and he have $4.50 for his services.

29. On motion, the minutes of to-day be read and adopted.

Resolved, That we extend our heart-felt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind hospitality to us during this session.

30. On motion, that we adjourn to time and place of our next association. Prayer by Elder Franklin Eller. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER DAVID ELLER, MODERATOR.
ELDER W. B. WYATT, CLERK.

SABBATH SERVICE.

Oct. 11th, 1896.

Service introduced by Elder D. Eller, reading 23rd Psalm and leading in prayer. 1st sermon by Elder J. A. Tedder, text: 144th Psalm, 15th verse, "Happy is that people," &c. 2rd sermon by Elder W. B. Wyatt, text: St. John, 3rd chapter, 13 verse, "Greater love hath no man," &c ; Romans 5th chapter, 8th verse, "But God commendeth his love toward us," &c. 3rd sermon by Elder J. F. Eller, text: Matthew, 25th chapter, 13th verse, "Watch therefore for you know neither the day nor hour," &c. After which we took the parting hand and much love was manifested with God's people and rejoicing.

Thus passed off the 30th session of the association. May the good work prosper. May peace and love abound with the brethren and all God's people. Amen.

CLERK.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat, and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4 He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no-wise reflect on the person who spoke before by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

5. No person shall abruptly brake off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from the body for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the association.

7. No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the setting of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the association shall address another by any other appellation than that of brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking, until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the rules of this Decorum.

10. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the association shall request.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled. But he shall not vote unless the association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the association as shall be deemed proper.

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OBITUARY.

(Printed by request.)

John Elldreth was born in the year 1809, and departed this life Jan. 24, in the year 1896, aged about 87 years. Bro. John Elldreth professed a hope in Christ sometime during his life, and became a member of old Horse Creek church in the year of 1885, and lived a devoted christian the remainder of his life 'till the good Lord called for him to come to that bright home of the blessed, where parting will be no more and to rest with kindred and friends who have gone on before.

Sister Sarah Elldreth, his wife was born May 3rd, in the year of 1817, and departed this life in the year of 1890, aged 73 years. Sister Sarah Elldreth lived in old Horse Creek church about 56 years and was always at her post until she was confined to her bed with a cancer. She suffered and lingered for several years. She bore her burdens with patience until the good Lord said, come home to the glory land where suffering and parting will be no more. Bro. and Sister Elldreth leave 6 children and 42 grand-children, and many friends to mourn their loss. Weep not children, weep not friends, for our loss is their eternal gain. We cannot see their face here on earth any more. but we hope to meet them in the christian home in Glory with the redeemed, a land of rest—there our Savior has gone before us to fulfill our soul's request.

The hour of their departure did come—
They heard the voice that called them home;
At last, O Lord! let trouble cease,
And let thy servant die in peace.

Our race appointed we have run,
The combat's over, the prize is won;
Our witness is on high,
And now our record's in the sky.

OBITUARY.

Elizabeth Wagoner was born about the year 1852, and departed this life Oct. 21, 1895, aged about 43 years; was married to W. F. Wagoner while young, and of this union were born 10 children. She professed faith in Christ in the year of 1872, after which she joined herself to New Hope church, in which she lived a consistent member until it pleased God in the dispensation of his providence to call her to the glory land. She told her children and friends to follow her for she would soon be happy with the Lord. Her funeral service was conducted by Elder David Roten and others; a large crowd of friends being present. Farewell wife, farewell mother, farewell friends, may the God of all truth prepare us to meet thee, with all the redeemed of the Lord in the great resurrection morn, "Where congregations ne'er break up, nor Sabbaths never end."

OBITUARY.

Sarah Jane Eller departed this life June 2, 1896, her age being about 22 years. She was the daughter of Isaac and Martha Hudler, and married William Eller. She professed a hope in Christ in her youthful days, and joined Mt. Pleasant Chapel church, and lived a christian life the remainder of her days, and she was a good christian worker in the church. The writer has often heard her shout the praises of God and heard her express her hopes of meeting loved ones who had gone on before to the glory world. By her own request her funeral was preached by Elder W. B. Wyatt and E. Blevins, before the body was laid in the tomb. She told her many friends around her she was ready to go to the glory world, and to not grieve after her when she was gone. She leaves father, mother, two sisters, one brother, husband, one little child and many connection and friends to mourn their loss. Yet their loss was her great gain. May God bless the husband, child, connection and friends to meet in Heaven where parting will be no more, with all the redeemed of God. Amen.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This association shall be known by the name of the Mountain Union Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent in the association. Who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead since last association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her Union.

3. The association when convened shall be governed by a regular Decorum.

4. The association shall have a Moderator and Secretary who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the vote of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches. or any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations or by application by sending up letter and delegates, shall be admitted into the Union.

6. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future association.

9. We think it necessary to have an associational fund to defray the expenses of the association, and it is

the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they may think proper to the association and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the association for the same, and the association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an association book wherein the proceedings of the association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if necessary and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the association adjourns.

12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The association shall act as advisory counsel, and shall endeavor to preserve a general Union of the churches, and also to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the association.

15. The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her Union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The association may correspond with sister associations, and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing, or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of faith and order, to a seat in our association who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not to sustain the same as they may choose.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Saturdays.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Application.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Number.	Contributions.
Big Ridge	D. Roten	Wagoner...N. C.	W. M. Lyall	2	5		7					22	20
Baptist Chapel	W. H. Darnall	Helton "	S. E. Mock, A. F. Mock, W. M. Barker	1	1	1	1			1		92	1.25
Elk Knob	John Riddle	Tracy "	J. H. South, J. J. S. Church, W. Maine	2	3	1		2		1		15	50
Flat Grove	W. H. Darnall	Dresden "	James Rash, James Turner, Daniel Perkins	2	5	2	4				2	21	75
Liberty	W. H. Darnall	Silas Creek "	W. R. Heath	3					14			19	40
Laural Hill	J. S. Barr	Graybeal "	D. C. Caudill, D. W. Chapel, Rufus Elliott.		4	3						13	45
Covenant	J. A. Tedder	Thaxton "	James Coldiron	3	1							6	25
Mt. Zion	J. S. Barr	Pinckton "	Elders Monroe Elliott, J. A. Tedder.	2	8		1		1		1	72	1.15
Mt. P's't Chapel	J. S. Barr	Blevins "	Elders W. B. Wyatt, J. N. Calaway	2	2	2					1	68	1.55
New Hope	Monroe Elliott	Hermitage "	James Wagoner, Wm. Rupard	4	1	2	3		7		1	23	30
Oak Grove	John Riddle	Linney "	Elders D. Eller, John Riddle, Wm. Porter		7	2	1		11	5		78	2.05
Poplar Cove	D. Roten	Obids "	Elder D. Roten	3	9		1			1	1	37	1.10
Pine Grove	W. B. Wyatt	Clifton "	Elder W. H. Darnall, J. S. Barr, T. J. Miller	3	7	3		2	5	6		114	1.25
Silas Creek	Wm. Brooks	Eugene "	Eld. Wm. Brooks, H. R. Wagoner, E. Sexton	4					1	5	2	114	1.00
Sugar Grove	Monroe Elliott	Bly "	Stephen Elliott, A. J. Miller	1				2	5	2		34	50
Three Forks	W. H. Darnall	Solitude "	Elder R. C. Parsons, Joel Brown, H. Lewis.	4	8					4	3	96	1.35
Three Top	D. Eller	Trout "	Thomas Rash	4							2	28	20
Grassy Creek	W. B. Wyatt	Grassy Creek "	A letter by Elder W. B. Wyatt	2					1			16	25
Union	W. B. Wyatt	Husk "	T J Bauguess, W A Graham, E Z. Bauguess	1	9	2	2		4	1	1	73	2.00
Walnut Grove	J. S. Stewart.	Orsborn ...Tenn.	J. S. Stewart, S. C. May, S. R. Jennings	3	15	3	4	2		4		101	55
Zion Hill	W. B. Wyatt	Sturgill's...N. C.	Wm. Duncan, Jesse B. Jones, F. S. Sturgill	4	12	2					2	67	1.25
			Totals	97	24	24	8	34	44	16		1109	18.30